

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1.     *(currently amended)* An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
  - (1) an isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 129 to 3657 of SEQ ID NO: 2,  
and
  - (2) an isolated polypeptide ~~exhibiting having~~ SMG-1 (Suppressor of Morphogenetic Effect on Genitalia-1) activity and comprising ~~an amino acid sequence in which~~  
amino acids 129 to 3657 of SEQ ID NO: 2, except that 1 to 5 amino acids are  
deleted, substituted, and/or inserted~~1 to 5 amino acids are deleted, substituted, and/or~~  
~~inserted in the amino acid sequence consisting of amino acids 129 to 3657 of the~~  
amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
2.     *(cancelled)*
3.     *(previously presented)* An isolated polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1 to 3657 of SEQ ID NO: 2, amino acids 107 to 3657 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acids 129 to 3657 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 4-16. *(cancelled)*
17.    *(currently amended)* An agent for promoting nonsense-mediated mRNA decay, comprising the isolated SMG-1 polypeptide of claim 1.
- 18-20. *(cancelled)*